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Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the note by the Secretary-General (A/59/108) of 26 April 2004, the General Assembly is required, during its current session, to appoint four members of the Joint Inspection Unit to fill the vacancies that will arise from the expiration of the terms of office of Ms. Doris Bertrand-Muck, Mr. Ion Gorita, Mr. Wolfgang Münch and Mr. Louis-Dominique Ouédraogo on 31 December 2005.

2. In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, at the 50th plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 8 November 2004, the President of the General Assembly, having consulted Member States and having drawn up a list of countries from among the Group of African States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Western European and other States, requested France, Hungary, Senegal and Turkey to propose candidates (see annexes I-IV) to serve for a period of five years beginning 1 January 2006.

3. The candidates, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 59/267 of 23 December 2004, should have experience in at least one of the following fields: oversight, audit, inspection, investigation, evaluation, finance, project evaluation, programme evaluation, human resources management, management, public administration, monitoring and/or programme performance, in addition to knowledge of the United Nations system and its role in international relations.

4. The President of the General Assembly has held the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination. The replies received from the President of the Economic and Social Council and from the Secretary-General to identical letters

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addressed to them on 18 February 2005 by the President of the Assembly are attached (see annexes V and VI).

5. Having completed the required consultations, the President of the General Assembly has the honour to submit to the Assembly the following candidates for appointment as members of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 2006 and expiring on 31 December 2010:

Mr. Gérard Biraud (France)
Mr. István Posta (Hungary)
Mr. Papa Louis Fall (Senegal)
Mr. Cihan Terzi (Turkey)

Annex I

[Original: French]

Note verbale dated 9 November 2004 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that the French Government has decided to nominate Mr. Gérard Biraud for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit for the 2006-2010 term.

Attachment

Curriculum vitae

Gérard Biraud

[Original: English and French]

Born 15 February 1944, Geneva, Switzerland

Work experience

2003-2004, 1996 and 1990-1992	Special Adviser to the Director of United Nations and International Organizations Affairs, Foreign Ministry, Paris. Delegate or head of delegation in various international meetings and conferences, including the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, the Committee for Programme and Coordination (thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-sixth and forty-fourth sessions). Initiated and participated in a seminar on budgeting issues approved by the General Assembly, held in Mohonk, New York (April 1992), followed by a similar seminar on the medium-term plan (April 1993).
1995	Vice-Chairman, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
1993-1995 and 1997-2002	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. As such, actively participated in the formulation and drafting (in English) of hundreds of reports on administrative and budgetary issues dealing with the United Nations Secretariat, the regional commissions, peacekeeping operations, the international tribunals as well as all major United Nations funds and programmes. On a personal basis, published a number of analytical papers aiming at simplifying and facilitating the work of the Secretariat, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly on peacekeeping budgets. Also promoted the introduction of standard costs and formats, as well as organizational charts and the like in the proposed budgets. Participant in a seminar on financial oversight and accountability in the United Nations system (Princeton, 1998).
1988-1990	Deputy Director and subsequently Acting Director of the European Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Geneva. Represented UNDP at specific meetings of the secretariats and governing bodies of the International Labour Organization (ILO),

	the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) as well as at sessions of the Economic and Social Council. Actively involved in various inter-institutional meetings and in the preparations for the International Conference on Refugees in Central America. Initiated, coordinated and published a report on two years of activities of the UNDP European Office.
1983-1988	Head, Economic and Development Section of the United Nations and International Organizations Affairs Directorate, Foreign Ministry, Paris. Coordinated the French position for delegations to the General Assembly (Second Committee), the Economic and Social Council, UNCTAD and its subsidiary bodies, the five regional commissions, some United Nations funds and programmes (UNDP, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Food Programme (WFP), the Commission on Human Settlements, some specialized organizations with economic focus (FAO and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)) and some non-United Nations economic international organizations. Participated as a delegate or as a head to delegation at various international meetings and conferences and in all of the intergovernmental groups of experts and conferences on least developed countries during the period. Chaired a series of meetings of the European Community (Brussels) and meetings of the Group of Western European States on development matters (UNCTAD, fourth session of UNIDO).
1982-1983	In the Prime Minister's Office, Adviser to the senior official in charge of development cooperation and assistance, entrusted with coordination of policies by French ministries and agencies vis-à-vis developing countries.
1980-1982	In charge of international development matters in the Economic and Financial Office of the Foreign Ministry: conducted studies on international economic policies vis-à-vis developing countries. Managed the substantive preparation of the first United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (Paris, 1981).
1976-1980	Established then headed the bureau for multilateral cooperation in the Ministry of Development Cooperation. Regularly attended international meetings in the development-oriented bodies of the Organization

	for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (such as the Development Aid Committee), the European Community, UNCTAD, FAO and the Economic Commission for Africa.
1972-1976	Economist in the Foreign Ministry Administration for Development Cooperation. Took part in missions to the field, wrote and published economic analytical papers and books on several developing countries, especially in Africa, including analysis of their budgets and national accounts and statistics.
1969-1972	Human resource economist in the Ministry for Development Cooperation. As such, analysed the long-term relationships between population, economic activities, manpower and education, in 14 African countries, with long-term projections. Participated in drafting field missions publications and conducted research on cost-benefit analysis in education systems.

University education

1971	Diplôme d'études supérieures en sciences économiques, Paris University.
1966-1970	Master in Economics, Paris University.
1966-1968	Institute for Social Studies, Paris Catholic University.
1966-1967	Institute for Social Studies on Labour, Paris University.

Teaching

1970-1990	Lectured at the Centre de perfectionnement et de documentation de la cooperation economique et technique, Institut international d'administration publique, Centre des hautes études d'Afrique et de Madagascar and Compagnie internationale d'informatique.
1973-1975	Taught annual courses on development economics at the École nationale supérieure de l'Administration économique et de la statistique, Paris.
1971-1973	Taught annual courses at the European Training Centre for Development Statisticians, Paris.
1965-1966	National service in 1965 and 1966 as a teacher in Dakar.

Publications

"What does the European Office of UNDP do?" Report on activities: 1988-1990, UNDP, Geneva, 1990.

Development Cooperation Handbook (Annuaire pour la coopération au développement): France, UNDP, Geneva, 1990.

Assessment mission on the United Nations system technical assistance programme (internal report to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Paris, 1984.

Paris conference (on landlocked developing countries) in the *Courrier* of the European Community, No. 72, Bruxelles, 1982.

Evaluation of the Pan-African Development Information System, mission report, Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, 1981.

The least developed countries in the international negotiations: the temptation of multilateral neocolonialism: contribution to "The poorest countries: which cooperation for which development?", French Institute for International Relations, Paris, 1981.

Fighting desertification in the Sahel countries: the French experience, Ministère de la Cooperation, Paris, 1980.

The objectives and priorities of French cooperation in the application of science and technology to development in "For Development", French science and techniques, Vienna, August 1979, in French, Spanish and English.

"Has France benefited from the brain drain from developing countries?", Ministère de la coopération, Paris, 1979.

British development assistance, Ministère de la Coopération, Paris, 1977.

Haïti: analysis and trends, Ministère de la coopération, Paris, 1976.

Quantitative analysis of the education system and internal efficiency indicators in "Ressources humaines et développement, annales économiques", Clermont Ferrand, 1973.

Inflation and drought in Upper Volta, Economic and Social Trends and Development Cooperation, Ministère de la cooperation, Paris, 1974.

Economic and social trends and development cooperation: Côte d'Ivoire, Ministère de la coopération, Paris, 1973.

Economic and social trends and development cooperation: Mali, Ministère de la coopération, Paris, 1972.

Economic and social trends and development cooperation: Niger, Ministère de la coopération, Paris, 1972.

L'evaluation à long terme des besoins d'enseignement dans les États africains et malgache d'expression française: principes d'une méthode générale et Étude d'un projet spécifique, 1971.

Higher education needs in Niger, Ministère de la coopération, Paris, 1970.

Higher education needs in Upper Volta, Ministère de la coopération, Paris, 1970.

Québec universities: education and development, Paris, 1968.

Languages

English, some Spanish, German and Italian

Computer skills

Training in computers since 1974. Certified trainee, Centre d'études pour l'informatique et l'Automatique

Honours

Chevalier de l'Ordre Nationale du Mérite, Chevalier du Mérite Agricole

Annex II

Letter dated 27 January 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the General Assembly and, in accordance with articles 3 and 4 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, has the honour to communicate that the Government of the Republic of Hungary proposes Mr. István Posta, Deputy Director-General of the Department for International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary, as a candidate to the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit for the term 2006-2010.

(*Signed*) László **Molnár**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosure

Curriculum vitae

István Posta

Born: 1950 Balmazújváros (Hungary)

Work experience

2004-present	Deputy Director-General for International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2000-2004	Deputy Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations, New York
1997-2000	Deputy Director-General for International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1996-1997	Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Vienna
1992-1996	Acting Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Vienna
1988-1992	International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1984-1988	First Secretary, Embassy of Hungary to Cuba
1984	Latin American Territorial Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1975-1984	International Department, National Council of Hungarian Youth
1974-1975	Hungarian National Bank

Education

1974	Master of Economics (Analysis and processing of economic information). Graduated from the University of Economics in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
1989	Master of Political Science (External debt of Latin America). Postgraduate study at Institute of Political Sciences, Budapest

Over the last 30 years, István Posta has dealt with a wide range of international issues, including 15 years of United Nations-related activity. He has worked as a desk officer and later as Deputy Director for International Affairs, diplomat, senior diplomat and subsequently as head of the Mission of Hungary to the United Nations.

Having served as a diplomat responsible for international economic affairs, he has gained experience in bilateral diplomacy and acquired in-depth knowledge in the field of economics, development and scientific cooperation.

As desk officer responsible for Hungarian participation in the work of the Vienna-based organizations, he has gained experience with the United Nations and its specialized agencies. In Vienna, he was an active participant in the day-to-day work of the policymaking organs of these organizations, chaired several major

meetings of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). As President of the Industrial Development Board and Chairman of the mandated working group, he played an important role in elaborating and launching the UNIDO reform process, resulting in the adoption and implementation of the business plan for UNIDO, which put the organization on a new track of development.

As Deputy Director-General for International Organizations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he was responsible for the system-wide coordination of the Hungarian participation in various United Nations funds and programmes and has accumulated experience in national and international levels in administrative, budgetary and coordination areas. Working as a team leader, he has acquired considerable managerial and organizational skills.

As Deputy Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations in New York, in addition to the overall political and administrative management of the Mission staff, he was responsible for the United Nations reform-related issues, which provided him with an overview of and experience with the operation of the different offices and organs of the United Nations system.

Over the last 15 years, he has participated in a number of United Nations world conferences, the United Nations Millennium Summit, sessions and special sessions of the General Assembly, diplomatic and review conferences and other important meetings organized by the United Nations.

In addition to his native language, he speaks English, Spanish and Russian.

Annex III

[Original: French]

Note verbale dated 9 November 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and, with reference to the deliberations of the General Assembly on 8 November 2004 concerning nominations for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit, has the honour to confirm the decision of Senegal to submit the candidacy of His Excellency Mr. Papa Louis Fall, Ambassador-at-large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Attachment

Curriculum vitae

Papa Louis Fall

[Original: English and French]

Personal information

Born: 1943, Louga, Senegal. Senior civil servant and diplomat for 34 years. Former Secretary-General of the Association of Foreign Affairs Civil Servants; former lecturer at the "Centre de formation et de perfectionnement administratif and at the École nationale d'administration du Sénégal" (both training high-ranking civil servants, including diplomats). Holder of several national and foreign decorations and awards: Commandeur de l'ordre national du Lion (Senegal), Grand officier de l'ordre de la valeur (Cameroon), Condecoración del Orden del Aguila Azteca (Mexico), Medals and certificates of merit from the Organization of African Unity.

Languages Wolof (national), French (education and official), English and Spanish.

Academic and postgraduate studies

1964	Baccalaureat philosophie, Dakar
1966	Diploma in general law studies, University of Dakar
1968	M.A. in public law and political science, University of Dakar (with distinction)
1970	Diploma of the École nationale d'administration du Sénégal (with distinction)
1970-1971	Postgraduate studies and training at the Institut international d'administration publique, Paris; United Nations, Organization of African Unity, International Commission of Juristes, African Commission for Human Rights seminars

Administrative and diplomatic career

1970	Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Senegal. Head of the United Nations Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1971-1973). Adviser to the Minister for United Nations system organizations (1973-1975)
1975-1981	First Counsellor at the Embassy of Senegal in Washington, D.C. and Deputy Chief of Mission (Political, consular and economic matters, World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF), coordinator of administrative and financial questions)
1981-1984	Minister-Counsellor of the Embassy of Senegal in Paris; coordinator of political and cultural, administrative and financial matters

1984-1988	Yaoundé-based Ambassador to Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Chad, Permanent Representative to the African Regional Industrial Property Organization
1988-2001	Ambassador to Ethiopia and Eastern Africa, based in Addis Ababa; Permanent Representative to the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, as well as to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Nairobi. Dean of the diplomatic corps in Addis Ababa (1998-2001).
2001-2003	Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations.
January 2004	Ambassador of Senegal at-large, Adviser to the Inspection des postes diplomatiques et consulaires.

International conferences and specialized bodies

Member of the Senegalese delegation to 29 regular sessions of the General Assembly, from 1971 to 1981, 1985 and from 1988 to 2004. Delegate to various specialized committees of the General Assembly, in particular to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions from 1976 to 1981, 1985, from 1988 to 2000 and in 2004. Member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in 1980-1981.

Permanent Representative of Senegal to OAU and the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, to UNEP and UN-Habitat in Nairobi, participating regularly in various summits, ministerial conferences or meetings within OAU, the Economic Commission for Africa, UNEP, UN-Habitat, the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), the International Organization of la Francophonie (IOF), the Non-Aligned Movement, the Group of 77, the Group of 15, and the African-American Summit. Member of OAU subsidiary organs, including the Advisory Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters; Chairmanship of the Committee on Contributions (1993-1998), Committee on the Structures of OAU, Committee on the Reform of the Charter, Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism on Conflicts (1993-2001). Member of UNEP High-Level Committee and the UNEP/UN-Habitat Permanent Representatives Committee.

Special Representative of OAU Secretary-General and Head of OMIB Mission to Burundi (1993-1994), Special Representative of OAU Secretary-General and Head OAU Observers Delegation to Eritrea for the referendum on independence (March-April 1993). OAU Special Representative for the preparation and celebration of the tenth anniversary of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (Banjul 1997).

Special Rapporteur on Administrative and Financial matters at the fourth conference of Ambassadors and Consuls General of Senegal (Dakar 1999).

Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations (New York, 2001-2003): Member of the Economic and Social Council, Commission on Sustainable Development, Committee on NGOs, Chairmanship of the Committee on Palestinian Rights, Commission for Social Development, Commission on the Status of Women,

Chairman of Ambassadors of the Economic Community of West African States, delegate to major United Nations world and regional conferences; Vice-President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly (2003-2004).

Delegate of Senegal to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly (October-December 2004) and to the Fifth Committee (administrative and budgetary questions).

Annex IV

Letter dated 9 November 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Turkey has decided to nominate Mr. Cihan Terzi for membership to the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit.

(*Signed*) Altay **Cengizer**
Minister Counsellor
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Enclosure

Curriculum vitae

Cihan Terzi

Date of birth: 7 December 1965

Current position

2002-present Financial Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations

Responsible for Fifth Committee issues

Education and professional development

Degrees

1993-1995 Master of Business Administration, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, United States of America

1981-1985 B.A. in economics, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Ankara

Short-term studies

2002 Fiscal decentralization and local government financial management, Duke University, United States of America (1 month)

2000 Financial programming and policies, International Monetary Fund Institute, United States of America (2 months)

1998 Tax analysis and revenue forecasting, Harvard University, United States of America (2 months)

Professional experience

2002- Financial Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations.

1997-2002 Head of Department, General Directorate of Revenues of the Ministry of Finance, Turkey.

Responsible for: Revenue budget and tax policy; public financial management projects; statistics and research; information and communications technology.

International experience

- Negotiations with the International Monetary Fund on standby arrangements.
- Negotiations with the World Bank on programmatic financial and public sector adjustment loans.
- Member of the Turkish delegation to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for annual country economic surveys.

- Member of the Turkish delegation to annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.
- Participant in the economic policies, tax analysis and statistics working groups in OECD.
- Member of the Turkish delegation for tax treaty negotiation.

1985-1997 Tax inspector, Tax Inspection Board of the Ministry of Finance, Turkey; experience in inspection of large companies and individual businesses.

Certification

1995-present Certified Public Accountant.

Annex V

[Original: English]

Letter dated 23 February 2005 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour of writing to you in response to your letter of 18 February 2005, regarding consultations held with the Chairmen of the regional groups to appoint members to fill the four vacancies on the Joint Inspection Unit that will occur on 31 December 2005.

I wish to inform you, in my capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, and in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, that I have reviewed the qualifications of the proposed candidates and I have pleasure in informing you that I am in full agreement with the proposal to nominate the following candidates:

Mr. Gérard Biraud (France)
Mr. István Posta (Hungary)
Mr. Papa Louis Fall (Senegal)
Mr. Cihan Terzi (Turkey)

(*Signed*) Munir **Akram**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations
President of the Economic and Social Council

Annex VI

[Original: French]

Letter dated 27 July 2005 from the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 18 February 2005 concerning the proposed appointment of new members of the Joint Inspection Unit.

In accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, I have the pleasure to inform you that, in my capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, I am endorsing the appointment of Mr. Gérard Biraud, Mr. István Posta, Mr. Papa Louis Fall and Mr. Cihan Terzi for a period of five years ending on 31 December 2010.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**